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FROM US REP MBFR

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1. FRG DELOFF HOFMANN (PROTECT ESPECIALLY) IN CONVERSATION
WITH US DELOFF JAN 15 REMARKED THAT MBFR HAD BEEN RAISED IN
RECENT EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING BY FRG FONOFF POL DIR
VAN WELL. VAN WELL HAD PUT AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA ENTITLED
"EFFECTS OF ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE EC" AND UNDER THIS
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RUBRIC CIRCULATED A "NON-PAPER" ON MBFR. THE FRENCH MADE NO
OBJECTION TO THE DISCUSSION OF THIS PAPER, ALTHOUGH THEY DID

NOT PARTICIPATE. HOFMANN CHARACTERIZED THIS AS REFLECTING A GROWING FRENCH RECOGNITION THAT MBFR COULD NOT BE IGNORED BECAUSE OF THE LIKELIHOOD THAT IT WOULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF THE EC.

2. HOFMANN ALSO EXPRESSED OPINION THAT BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF JUNE (THE PERIOD DURING WHICH IT IS THE FRG'S TURN TO HOST AND STAFF EC POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS), THE FRG FONOFF WOULD BE SO DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH EC MATTERS THAT ALL OTHER ISSUES WOULD BE VIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE EC AND ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. HUMES

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